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27 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM: Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL:

1. Budget Problem: A shortage of funds for the remainder of the current fiscal year continues to be the most pressing single problem faced by FBIS. Although there has been a very slight improvement in the forecast compared with one month ago, an extremely careful marshalling of the available money will be required to avoid a serious deficit. Certain unprecedented economy measures have already been placed into effect and more stringent measures have been planned for immediate implementation should the situation deteriorate further. All bureau chiefs should continue to review carefully their planning to effect all possible savings. 50X1

2. Communications:

a. As a result of favorable, high-level action on the FBIS request for higher restoration priorities for its allocated circuits the following priorities have been obtained: Okinawa-Tokyo - 2D; Tokyo-Washington "A" - 2D; Tokyo-Washington "B" - 4A; Washington-London "A" - 4A; Washington-London "B" - 2D; and Washington-London "D" - 4C. A 2D restoration priority is the highest available to a nonmilitary user of Department of Defense communications systems. 50X1

b. The London-Washington "B" circuit, formerly a west-bound simplex radioteletype circuit, is now operable east and west via an Air Force cable between Croughton, England, and Andrews Air Force Base. 50X1

3. Services Relating to Cuba:

a. A Special Memorandum on Havana's international broadcasting was prepared for Mr. William Tidwell, Assistant to the DD/I (Planning), in support of a briefing chaired by the Department of State's Coordinator of Cuban Affairs on Cuban efforts to subvert Latin American governments. Copies of the memorandum, which was prepared jointly

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by RPB and BIS, were distributed to the National Security Council and to interested officers in the State Department, USIA, ONE, OCI, and Task Force W. Additional copies were provided to the DD/I's office at Mr. Tidwell's request, and the memorandum was later made available to the Organization of American States.

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b. Radio Propaganda Report No. 3 on Cuban propaganda examined the pro-Peking bias of Havana's "neutrality" in the Sino-Soviet quarrel and documented the similarity between the Cuban and Chinese Communist approaches to revolution as a major factor underlying Castro's behavior in the dispute. An advance proof copy of this report was sent to ONE at its request, in support of a National Estimate on Cuba currently in preparation. It was learned that the general findings of the report would be reflected in the Estimate and that the documentation of Moscow and Peking propaganda treatment of Castro's statements was found particularly useful. Copies of this report were also sent to Mr. Tidwell, at his request.

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c. Report No. 4 on Cuban Propaganda, currently in preparation, will document in detail the Cuban radio's propaganda inciting to revolt in other countries, expanding on the subject of the Special Memorandum noted above. Weekly highlights of such propaganda prepared by East Coast Bureau for the past year for an OCI consumer have proved an invaluable aid in this research. It is anticipated that the scope and intensity of Havana's incitement propaganda, and other countries' reactions to it, will continue for some time as a priority target for FBIS.

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d. FBIS was represented at a briefing of people in the DD/I area responsible for analysis relating to Cuba, at which Mr. Cline, the DD/I, restated in behalf of the Director the continuing top priority attached to examination of all available intelligence information, from any source, that might shed light on the scope and purposes of the Soviet military presence in Cuba.

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e. A propaganda analysis item on the FBIS Wire called attention to some new evidence relating to Castro's pretensions to revolutionary leadership in the underdeveloped areas, and to the Soviet and Chinese reactions to Castro's approach.

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4. Kowloon Issue: Background of Communist China's recent protest against British "infringement of CPR sovereignty" in Kowloon was provided in a propaganda-analysis item on the Wire. [redacted]

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5. Radio Propaganda Report: CD.220, "Factional Split in Soviet Military Leadership Indicated in Stalingrad Anniversary Articles," examined the political implications of sharply contradictory interpretations of the history of the Stalingrad battle by the Soviet marshals. [redacted]

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6. Moscow Broadcasts in Turkish: A review of the recent pattern of Moscow broadcasts in Turkish was prepared in response to a request from the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, relayed through the Embassy in Nicosia and the FBIS Mediterranean Bureau. The response was forwarded through the Department of State. [redacted]

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7. Conference Support:

a. The London Bureau provided texts of relevant Soviet broadcasts to the Agency representative with the U.S. delegation at the U.N. conference in Geneva on technical and scientific aid to under-developed countries. Propaganda analysis support was provided by RPB.

b. The analysis support cables to the Agency representative with the Geneva disarmament delegation were resumed on the eve of the 12 February reopening of the conference. Field bureaus continued to supply texts of significant monitored intercepts throughout the period of the conference recess. [redacted]

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8. RPB Research in Process: Research is in process in RPB on the following subjects, with special reports in view:

a. Peking's propaganda exploitation of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference in Moshi, Tanganyika.

b. The latest phase of the Sino-Soviet quarrel.

c. World communist party reactions to the Sino-Soviet cleavage.

d. Factional differences in the Cuban leadership as reflected in the Havana press.

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e. Communist China's difficulties with agricultural mechanization.

f. Recent Soviet claims regarding submarine and anti-submarine capability. [redacted]

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9. Daily Report "New Look": Offset printing of the Latin America Daily Report from mats produced with Flexowriter equipment began on 29 January and has continued intermittently since then. The pilot project will continue for several weeks while studies are made on further revising procedures to make offset printing feasible for all Daily Report production. The additional time required by the Production Unit to produce the offset mats is the major obstacle to full conversion to the new process which gives a more professional printing job, simplifies proof reading, and would permit expanded printing of Daily Report material. Consumers reaction has so far been generally favorable. [redacted]

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10. Daily Report Supplements: Eight Daily Report Supplements were issued. One included material from the 12th congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party. The other seven, comprising 501 pages, dealt with the proceedings and related material from the sixth SED congress at which Khrushchev and Ulbricht gave long speeches. Special measures were taken to insure that the SED congress supplements were disseminated to all interested parties. In addition to the 125 copies distributed on a special list by the special assistant to the DCI and 30 copies distributed by the State Department News Division, the following components distributed supplements to their own contacts: FBIS German Bureau, 55 copies, Contact Division/00, 150 copies, and State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research 150 copies. [redacted]

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11. World Reaction Reports: Two World Reaction Reports were published: a 17 January report of reaction to President Kennedy's State of the Union Message and a 5 February report of reaction to the French veto of Britain's entry into the EEC. [redacted]

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12. Economic Abstracts: In 1962 FBIS published 40,197 economic abstracts, 33,386 from the USSR and the East European communist countries and 6,811 from the CPR and the Far Eastern communist countries. The abstracts continue to elicit high praise from consumers. [redacted]

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13. Information on Non-Bloc Areas: In view of the increasing number of requests for information on non-Bloc areas where FBIS is able to supply material considerably in advance of more conventional reporting sources, a set of targets was sent to all field bureaus outlining some of the topics of particular interest in these areas. [REDACTED]

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14. Tape Recordings and Original-Language Texts: FBIS has recently received a number of requests for tape recordings and original-language texts of significant items. It is understood that these requests require special effort; in every case the requirement has been accepted only after determination that the desired material is not available in time from any other source. [REDACTED]

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15. Lateral Service Lists: Bureaus are reminded that lists of lateral services are due in Headquarters by the end of March. [REDACTED]

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16. Publication Procurement: A survey of the over 80 publications procured by FBIS field bureaus for FDD showed that over 60 could now be procured by more conventional means and the bureaus involved were advised to cancel the unnecessary subscriptions. [REDACTED]

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17. Hong Kong Survey: A memorandum summarizing results of the Hong Kong reception survey was sent to appropriate offices for their reaction, to be used as guidance in further liaison to the BBC on this subject. [REDACTED]

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18. "Broadcasting Stations of the World": It was decided to discontinue publication of Volume 3 of "Broadcasting Stations of the World", wherein stations are listed by call letters and station name or slogan, because this volume requires a disproportionate amount of man-hours and machine time. It has been of limited usefulness to FBIS operations, and considerably fewer copies of this volume have been sold than of the other three volumes. [REDACTED]

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19. International Broadcasting: From information supplied by FBIS, a USIA research component determined that weekly international service broadcasting hours of the communist world total 3,846, the noncommunist world 9,587. [REDACTED]

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20. Cruising FYI's: Cruising monitor/editor FYI's from the Mediterranean Bureau concerning frequency and transmission details of Iraqi and other Middle East radios during the recent Iraqi government coup d'etat were excellent, enabling BIS to answer detailed questions of interested consumers with accuracy. [REDACTED]

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21. Press Scrutiny: In January 85 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to radio broadcast material and 15 percent to press scrutiny. [REDACTED]

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22. Supplemental Post Allowance: Bureau Chiefs should review all applications for the Supplemental Post Allowance received from incoming classified employees with families seeking permanent quarters. The Department of State Standardized Regulations Section 230 contains the requirements for application for this allowance. The following is quoted from paragraph 232 (Scope), Section 230 of this regulation:

"An employee should normally expect to spend a substantial portion of his salary for restaurant meals while living in a hotel, and that this allowance is intended to help only those employees faced with unusually heavy food expenses."

Bureau Chiefs are cautioned when approving payments, to conform to the intent of the grant and not to pay the allowance indiscriminately. [REDACTED]

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23. Travel Vouchers, Residence and Dependency Forms: Bureaus are asked to provide Headquarters with an original and three copies of all travel vouchers and Residence and Dependency Forms. [REDACTED]

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24. Nigerian Import Duties: It was determined that Nigerian import duties on first entry effects (including vehicle) can now be reimbursed from organization funds. Reimbursement applies to first entry effects only and not subsequent shipments of personal goods. [REDACTED]

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25. Regulatory Issuances: The following regulatory issuances were disseminated: [REDACTED]

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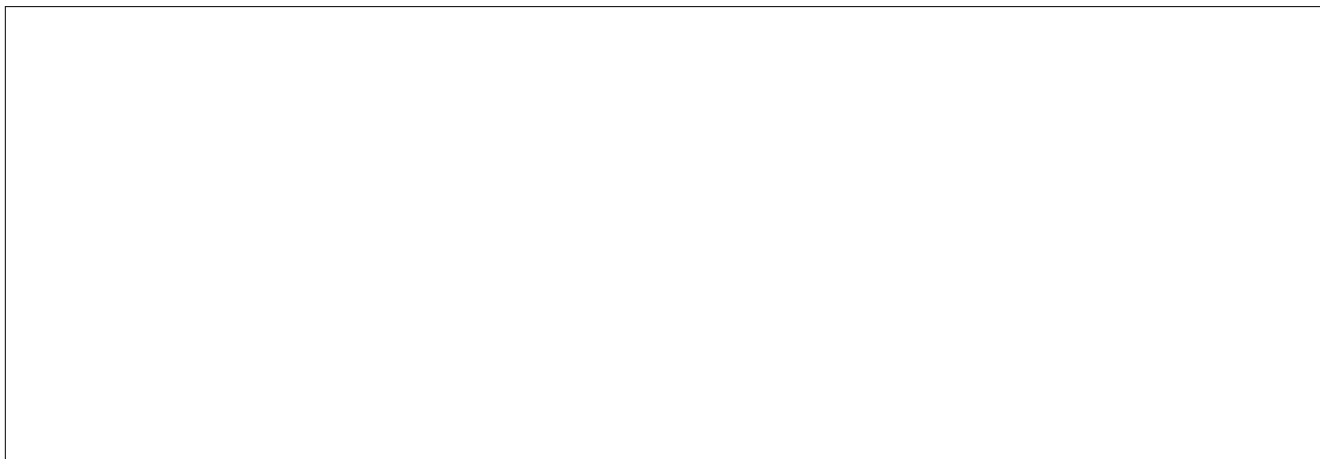
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Rapid handling of news'breaks again permitted the FBIS Wire to provide information on an important story before the news services carried their lead items. The Mediterranean Bureau's first CRITIC YY on the 8 February Iraqi coup, taken from an 0800 GMT Baghdad broadcast, cleared the FBIS Wire at 0813, 13 minutes before A.P. carried the news and 50 minutes before REUTERS. The bureau's 9 February FYI on Qasim's death, which was filed at 1041 GMT, cleared the wire at 1044, five minutes before REUTERS carried the news and thirteen minutes before A.P. However, the first news of the coup on 8 February came from the American Embassy in Baghdad, which picked up the first report from an 0645 GMT Baghdad broadcast and had it in Washington at 0722.

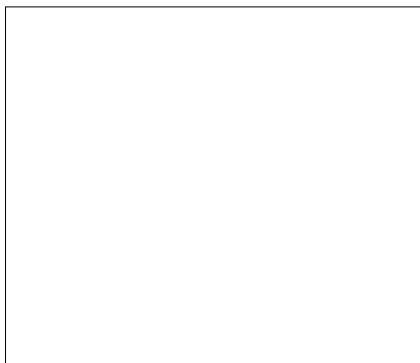
Okinawa and West Coast Bureaus

It would be appreciated if reports concerning delegations visiting Bloc countries or Bloc delegations visiting noncommunist countries were filed as regular items rather than briefs when such delegations are prominently reported, as in the recent case of a Czech delegation to Indonesia and African delegations to the CPR. Otherwise Daily Report editors often must convert briefs to regular items in order to run the reports in a package form.

ADMINISTRATION

1. New Employees

Assignment



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West Coast Bureau

Monitor
East Coast Bureau

Teletypist
Editorial Branch

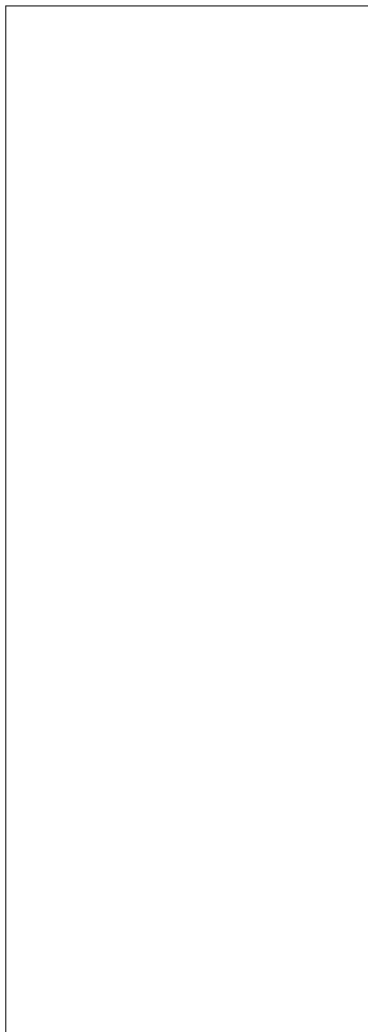
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2. Reassignment



<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Editor London Bureau	Editor, Wire Service Sect., Editorial Branch	STAT
Projects Staff Editorial Branch	Deputy Chief East Coast Bureau	
Teletypist Editorial Branch	Teletype Supv. Key West Bureau	
Monitor East Coast Bureau	Monitor Key West Bureau	
Deputy Chief London Bureau	Deputy Chief Editorial Branch	
Deputy Chief East Coast Bureau	Chief Key West Bureau	
Deputy Chief Mediterranean Bureau	Special Assistant to the Chief, FBIS	
Editor Okinawa Bureau	Editor, FE Sect., Editorial Branch	
Editor Editorial Branch	Editor Saigon Bureau	
Chief Engineer African Bureau	Deputy Chief Engineer Okinawa Bureau	

3. Resignations



<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Monitor West Coast Bureau	(Retired)	STAT
Teletype Supv. West Coast Bureau	(Retired)	

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3. Resignations

From

Chief BIS
Field Operations Staff

To

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